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25X1 The rear section of a swept-back jet fighter projected from the repair hangar. Two swept-back jet fighters without auxiliary fuel tanks were also observed at the field.

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25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 2 October. two IIL-28s and an IL-28 took off. The eight planes parked in front of the above mentioned medium hangar individually took off. They departed flying in formation and, after some time, individually landed at the field coming from the direction of Markendorf. Three biplanes also landed at the field during the course of the day. 37 ground attack planes landed at the field approaching in four formations of 9 planes each. Aircraft observed at the field included 8 twin-jet planes parked along the railroad line with their noses pointing to the west, and 12

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twin-jet planes in front of the northern hangar. Of these planes, two Uil-28s [redacted] had no auxiliary fuel tanks. Eight jet bombers, including 6 IL-28s and 2 Uil-28s [redacted] were parked between one of the hangars and the small woods to the east.¹

2. On the morning of 3 October, one jet engine each was dismantled from two jet bombers parked in front of the repair hangar. The jet engines were placed on wooden supports. The landing gear and the covering panels were removed. [redacted]

[redacted] Three men were dismantling the auxiliary fuel tank from the wing of a IL-28 plane [redacted]. Two men held fast the auxiliary fuel tank at the front and rear while the third man screwed the tank off. When the tank was unscrewed it appeared to be rather light because the soldiers apparently did not apply much effort while carrying the tank. The unscrewing took 20 minutes. No details could be observed regarding the attachment of the auxiliary fuel tank.

3. Barrels with butter were unloaded in front of the western entrance of the former air force ordnance depot. The personnel of the new jet bomber unit were quartered in the buildings behind the southwestern most hangar.
4. In early October, source determined that Senior Lieutenant Kolonov (fnu) was the Kech officer of the rear detail of the ground attack unit. The supply officer of Unit Tsodvol previously was Korneyev (fnu) who was replaced by Kabinorgerski (fnu).²

5. On 3 October, trucks [redacted] loaded with uniforms, were parked behind the hangars which were located in north to south direction.

6. [redacted] on 9 October, seven jet bombers circled over the field for 5 to 6 minutes. [redacted]

[redacted] A single-engine plane departed for an undetermined destination. Twin-jet planes observed at the field included 6 on the eastern edge of the field, 9 on the northern edge, and 9 at the taxiway. Two twin-engine planes with single-rudder assemblies, 1 twin-engine plane with a double rudder assembly, 1 biplane, 1 high-wing monoplane and 6 ground attack aircraft were observed in front of the western hangars. [redacted]

[redacted] on 17 October, there was air activity at the field. Five twin-jet planes [redacted] circled over the field.³ Flying was discontinued [redacted] because of bad weather.

7. On 17 October, three radio trucks were parked at the southern side of the runway, pointing to the runway. The radio installation west of the square near Danna was moved. Only a small wooden shed remained there. The radio installation on the eastern edge of the field was still observed.³
8. No change was observed on the AA gun emplacements. On 17 October, brick laying was in progress at the AA gun emplacement on the eastern edge of field.
9. Construction work apparently on shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments was under way at the eastern edge of the field close to the AA gun emplacement. Source observed that the inner wall around the revetments consisted of logs. The revetments opened toward the field. Work was completed on four such revetments, while excavating still continued. "heaps of earth were observed on the southern edge of the field behind the gasoline dump. However, it could not be determined whether shrapnel-proof revetments were also being constructed there.⁴

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10. Large fuel containers were still observed at the fuel dump on the southern edge of the field. Four railroad tank cars, each loaded with a large gasoline tank, were observed on the spur track.

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11. Trucks [redacted] were observed entering and leaving the field.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Jucterbog-Altes Lager airfield is occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment, a bomber regiment and the rear detail of a ground attack regiment which is temporarily stationed at Reinsdorf airfield. The aircraft of the air reconnaissance regiment are parked on the eastern edge of the field and in front of the northern hangar, while the planes of the bomber regiment are parked in front of the hangars located in a north to south direction. It is still believed that the air reconnaissance regiment is equipped with 22 IL-28s and the bomber regiment with 8 IL-28s and some UH-28s.

[redacted]
The 37 IL-10s which landed at the field on 8 and 9 October probably belong to the ground attack regiment at Reinsdorf airfield.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Senior Lieutenant Kolenov (fnu) was previously reported in connection with the ground attack regiment at Reinsdorf airfield. Unit Tsodvol allegedly is a supply unit for clothing and equipment. Supply officer Korneyev was previously reported. [redacted]
[redacted] Kabinorgerski is reported for the first time.

3. The radio installation on the eastern edge of the field has one mast.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The first information on the construction of shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments at Jucterbog airfield was previously received. [redacted]
The same construction work has been under way at other airfields in East Germany.

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